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Enhancing Health Care Services Across the Province



Funding for New Medical Equipment Announced for Labrador West

Residents in Labrador West will have reduced need to travel outside their community for access to routine echocardiography services, as the Provincial Government is investing \$450,000 for a new ultrasound machine for the Labrador West Health Centre. The Honourable John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services, made the announcement today in Labrador City.

"Enhancing access to care is in part about an efficient system and multi-disciplinary care teams, but it is equally about up-to-date technology and capital investments. I am pleased to announce this significant investment in a new ultrasound machine for the people of Labrador West."

- The Honourable John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services

The new machine has the ability to perform adult echocardiograms, a diagnostic test that was previously unavailable in Labrador West.

"Providing high-quality health care services is a priority for our government and today's announcement is significant for our region. New equipment with enhanced service means reduced travel for medical tests and reduced wait times overall."

- Graham Letto, MHA for Labrador West

Echocardiograms are diagnostics tests for cardiology services and are used to diagnose and manage patients with heart disease.

QUICK FACTS

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- Residents will no longer have to travel outside their community for access to an echocardiogram diagnostic test.
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